



Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
August 8, 2012

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

x	Jeff Adkisson	x	Marilyn Kushak
	Mike Aiello	x	Frank McNeil
x	Daniel Cadigan	x	Mike Murphy
x	Josh Collins		Drinda O'Connor
x	Jerry Crabtree	x	Robert Plunk
x	Gary Crompton	x	Kent Redfield
x	James Donelan	x	J. D. Sudeth
x	Kevin Dorsey	x	Kenley Wade, Sr.
x	Cliff Erwin	x	Joan Walters
x	Lee Fields, Jr.		
x	Bob Gray		
x	Karen Hasara		

Others

Jeff Fulgenzi- SSCRPC
Amy Uden- SSCRPC
Margaret Long- SSCPRC

Carol Kulek- volunteer
Richard Treat- SCTOA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Karen Hasara called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order and welcomed Commissioners and guests.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Hasara asked for any additions or amendments to the minutes. There were none. Mr. Jim Donelan made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Dan Cadigan seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Hasara began the meeting with a series of announcements. She first informed commissioners that Ms. Drinda O'Connor is now officially a member of the commission. The Springfield Mass Transit District appointed her to replace Mr. Pat Coburn, who has moved out of the area.

Chair Hasara then informed the commission about various outreach efforts that had been undertaken since its last meeting. Mr. Cliff Erwin and she were recently on WTAX's Bob Murray Show for a discussion of the commission's General Assistance recommendation, approved at its June meeting. She also noted that the Rochester Lions Club had requested the CEC speak at its August 21st meeting. She invited any members of the commission to attend. The meeting will be held at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Rochester.

Chair Hasara then presented a draft document provided by SSCRPC staff to the commission, related to positive local efforts that the CEC had discovered in its research. The document details a number of efficiency efforts currently occurring in local governments in Sangamon County. Chair Hasara asked that commissioners review the document and provide any suggestions or additional examples of positive efforts that should be recognized in the document.

Chair Hasara then asked Mr. Jeff Fulgenzi to report on the activities that the SSCRPC staff has undertaken since the last meeting. He noted that SSCRPC staff has been working to assist on a number of CEC projects, which would be discussed later in the meeting. Mr. Fulgenzi then asked Ms. Amy Uden to provide the dates and times of the CEC's next series of public outreach meetings. Ms. Uden went on to say the first meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on October 10th at the Williamsville Village Hall, the second is at 6:00 p.m. on October 17th at the Gardner Township Hall, and the third will be on October 25th at noon in the Springfield City Council Chambers. Finally, the next meeting of mayors in the region will be on October 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the Trutter Center at Lincoln Land Community College.

Chair Hasara then paused to note that it was Ms. Uden's birthday, and to recognize Ms. Margaret Long, a Benedictine University undergraduate student who would be completing her internship with the CEC on August 9th. She thanked Margaret for her hard work during her time with the CEC.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Hasara then invited committee chairs to report on recent activities for their committees:

Administrative, Management, and Budget Committee:

Committee Chair Marilyn Kushak reported that at the July 17th Administrative, Management, & Budget Committee meeting, the committee first focused on its business survey, which has recently been completed and executed. She then thanked Mr. Josh Collins for all the hours he invested. She also thanked Mr. Kent Redfield, Mr. Fulgenzi, and Ms. Uden for their assistance in constructing the survey. The survey had been launched on August 2nd to about 3,000 people through the Chamber of Commerce's mailing lists, and should assist the CEC in getting input from the business community. Ms. Kushak then went on to say that Mr. Collins reached out to different organizations including the Capital Area Association of Realtors, the Springfield Area Homebuilders Association, and the Capital Area Interdependent Business Alliance. A link to the CEC's survey was included in the Chamber's last newsletter, and it will be on their website soon.

The next item discussed was the draft recommendation regarding township collectors' services, which the committee had received for review before its last committee meeting. At the meeting, the committee determined that it would like more time to review and discuss the draft. Mr. Jerry Crabtree and Mr. Jim Donelan had volunteered to present the draft to the executive committee of SCTOA and

provide any feedback they offered by the next committee meeting. The committee hopes to bring a full draft to the CEC at its September meeting.

Committee Chair Kushak then mentioned that Ms. O'Connor is continuing to get background on local government purchasing in the City, State, and County. SSCRPC staff will continue to work with her on this issue.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 20th, 10:15 am; Hoogland Center for the Arts.

Community Development Committee:

Committee Chair Cliff Erwin stated that his committee has met twice since the last meeting of the CEC. At the first of these meetings, the committee heard a presentation from Mr. Fred Puglia and Mr. Brian Oaks regarding cooperation between the SCVB and PCCC. He discussed space limitations and sharing, the two presenters' ideas toward cooperation, and attempts to transform the community's philosophy toward the convention center/hotel complex. He also indicated that the presenters informed the committee about their grant-writing efforts and other ways to attract business. At this point the Community Development Committee has determined that it will not pursue this issue further, as no specific efficiency opportunities that are not already being pursued seem evident to the committee.

Committee Chair Erwin then informed the Commission that his committee had also recently looked into public school transportation. The committee heard from District 186's transportation department head, Mr. Rick Koopman, and SMTD's new Assistant Manager, Mr. Steve Hamelin, at its August 2nd meeting. The committee hopes to develop an understanding of whether or not savings opportunities exist related to using normal mass transit busses for school bussing, as occurred in Flint, Michigan during Mr. Hamelin's time there.

Finally, Mr. Erwin noted that the committee may look into additional education efficiencies, including a different length school week and intergovernmental agreements between districts. The committee also continues to examine which municipalities have residential and commercial building codes in place.

Committee Chair Erwin indicated that his committee would likely cancel or reschedule its tentative meeting date of August 16th, due to scheduling conflicts.

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, September 6th, 3:00 pm; Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Conference Room.

Public Safety Committee:

Committee Chair Bob Gray informed the Commission his committee is dealing primarily with E-911 Dispatch in the county and with the nine pass-through fire protection districts. He noted that the committee has had some difficulty getting call data and information from the 911 system, but is hoping to work with this



information to formulate a better idea of how emergency response is working in the county.

Emergency response is also an important issue on the committee's agenda. The committee has been hearing anecdotal evidence on issues with medical response in various areas in the county. Mr. Gray indicated that the committee hopes to get additional details related to these problems.

Finally, Committee Chair Gray noted that the committee is continuously looking at the big picture of coordination among law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency medical response throughout the county, and hopes to develop ways to save money. He suggested that \$100 to 150 million are spent in these areas in the county annually, and would like to address inefficiencies in service provision, especially in unincorporated areas within the city limits of Springfield. The committee also hopes to move forward with the nine pass-through districts and develop a specific recommendation in this area.

At this point, Committee Chair Gray brought up one suggestion related to the Positive Local Efforts document. One example of conservation provided in the document is that of the Springfield Fire Departments' purchase of light-duty vehicles. While he recognizes that this is a positive effort, Mr. Gray suggested that the commission encourage the purchase of even more efficient vehicles in the future.

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, August 22nd, 3:00 pm; Sangamon County Farm Bureau

Public Works Committee:

Committee Chair Jim Donelan reported that his committee had met in June and heard a presentation from representatives of NAPA Auto Parts Company, who provided information related to public-private partnerships on vehicle maintenance parts inventory systems. The committee will continue to pursue this research area, particularly with regard to how it fits into the garage consolidation issue. The committee met most recently on July 30th to resolve other unfinished business.

The committee has recently been discussing a draft recommendation related to the recycling coordinator positions at the City and County. Representatives from the committee met with the City and County to discuss these positions recently, and Committee Chair Donelan indicated that the committee is now working to develop options for its recommendation.

Committee Chair Donelan then updated the CEC on the infrastructure equipment inventory. The committee has sent out a survey to public works departments in all jurisdictions, and will be sending follow-up letters in the coming weeks to those jurisdictions that have not yet responded. Mr. Donelan reported that the committee's objectives are to make members of all jurisdictions aware of existing equipment in the county, to encourage increase sharing of equipment, and to develop a way for this list to be maintained. He noted that the committee will host a number of highway

commissioners at its next meeting to discuss how townships and municipalities maintain roads and contract for repair and maintenance work.

Committee Chair Donelan noted that his committee had two other agenda items for discussion, including a finding related to energy efficiency and its electric aggregation project. Related to electric aggregation, he reported that the committee had been following the issue in a number of neighboring communities, had spoken with a number of consultants and experts on the issue, and was working toward a draft recommendation. He noted that an opt-out aggregation program for areas served by Ameren Illinois would require having a referendum on the ballot, potentially in the November 2012 election.

In the course of its research, one of the consultants with whom the CEC had conferred was Mr. Mark Pruitt of the Illinois Community Choice Aggregation Network. Since Mr. Pruitt had been in that area to speak with committee members that day, Chair Hasara had invited him to provide a brief educational presentation to the CEC on this matter.

Mr. Donelan introduced Mr. Pruitt to the CEC, and he proceeded to provide a presentation on the basics of aggregation. This presentation included a background of electric aggregation, the benefits to consumers, market trends in electricity, the nature of the referendum, and the steps that local officials would need to take in the event that they desired to aggregate. Members of the CEC asked a number of questions of Mr. Pruitt. These questions included inquiries as to vendors' credibility, individual residential electric choice marketing, how "small commercial" customers are defined, affinity programs, and why residents might opt out from a program. He also explained factors such as the potential structures of aggregations that include a number of governmental bodies, the difference between opt-in and opt-out aggregation, administrative reimbursement options for local governments, opt-out clauses in contracts, and next steps for communities. Chair Hasara thanked Mr. Pruitt for being available to present and respond to these questions.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, August 13th, 3:00 pm; SSCRPC Conference Room, Sangamon County Complex Room 212.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Committee Chair Jim Donelan then presented a finding for the support of the full commission on an energy efficiency program opportunity. He discussed that a future recommendation on energy efficiency would allow the CEC to serve local entities in an educational capacity. He thanked Ms. Carol Kulek for her work and expertise on this issue, and asked her to summarize the program, which is entitled Illinois Energy Now, and is run through DCEO in conjunction with Ameren. Ms. Kulek explained that all Ameren customers pay into this program fund, which local governments in Sangamon County could be utilizing. She provided the example of incentives for schools to replace gymnasium lighting with energy efficient bulbs, thereby generating savings, and discussed the payback thresholds required by the program.



The committee finds that programs exist in which governmental jurisdictions can receive private funds as incentives to offset various energy efficient equipment purchases, upgrades, or construction projects, particularly related to electric and natural gas utilities. The committee requests the full support of the CEC to further research these energy efficiency programs with the goal of an educational recommendation. Mr. Donelan moved that the CEC vote on this support. Mr. J.D. Sudeth seconded the motion, and the finding was supported unanimously.

Ms. Joan Walters then requested that at their next meeting, the committee chairs of the CEC work to develop a timeline for the work of the commission in the upcoming months. She asked that the chairs discuss the CEC's goals in relation to its time horizon, and also requested that they work to develop an agenda for the next mayors' meeting, to ensure that it is a fruitful discussion.

Next meeting date—September 12th, 2012 at 3:00 PM, Location to be the Hoogland Center for the Arts.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Richard Treat, president of the Sangamon County Township Officials Association, took the opportunity to thank members of the CEC for their attendance at the SCTOA meeting in late June. He thanked Chair Hasara for her presentation. He then noted that the townships would attempt to provide examples of the cooperative efforts for the Positive Local Efforts document. He explained that he has been meeting with members of each township government and learning quite a bit about their programs and services.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gary Crompton moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jeff Adkisson seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Uden
Acting as Recording Secretary